



1 April 2010

To Our Navy Families:

It has been almost three months since our Navy responded to provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief to the victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

What our Sailors accomplished in Haiti was simply extraordinary. Every Sailor I have spoken with has shared amazing stories that clearly demonstrate that the "global force for good" is not just a clever marketing tool. It is the reality of our Navy – embedded in our culture and part of our history. I am impressed with how our Sailors took initiative, and with a positive attitude, helped the people of Haiti begin to recover from a very grave situation.

Now that the large majority of our ships and Sailors have returned from the Haiti relief mission, I want to thank you for your superb support of your Sailors over the past three months; our Sailors - your spouses, your parents – were able to make ready and deploy on very short notice to deliver desperately needed help and hope to the Haitian people during a very grave situation. You dealt with all the challenges at home so our Sailors could focus on the challenges in Haiti. Our Sailors simply could not have accomplished what they did without your strong support.

With sincere gratitude for all that you have done, and continue to do, in support of your Sailors and our Navy.

Sincerely,

J/C. HARVEY, JR.
Admiral, United States Navy